

**Benjamin H. Latrobe to Thomas Jefferson, February 16, 1809, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital.
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Latrobe to Jefferson

Sir

Mr Le Mair has no inventory of the furniture of the President's house, but he informs me that Mr Claxton's is perfect excepting as to some articles of Plate made at Richmond. Under the circumstances of the case, if Mr Madison does be the honor to confide the future expenditure to me, it would be necessary for me to possess the inventory as soon as possible, or otherwise to refer the Member of the Senate who applied to me for information, to Mr. Claxton. — I am very unwilling to intrude into his province, especially as it obliges me to become troublesome to you at the present moment.

With high respect I am

Yours, B H Latrobe

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[Ms., *Jefferson Papers*, Library of Congress.]